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Honorable Valerie E. Caproni  
United States District Judge  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse  
40 Foley Square, Room 240  
New York, New York 10007

Re: *UPTPool Ltd. v. Dynamic Oil Trading (Singapore) Pte. Ltd., et al.*  
USDC/SDNY, Docket No. 14 Civ. 9262 (VEC)

*Birch Shipping Ltd. v. O.W. Bunker China Ltd. (HK), et al.*  
USDC/SDNY, Docket No. 14 Civ. 9282 (VEC)

*Clearlake Shipping Pte Ltd. v. O. W. Bunker (Switzerland) SA, et al.*  
USDC/SDNY, Docket No. 14 Civ. 9286 (VEC)

*Clearlake Shipping Pte Ltd. v. O. W. Bunker (Switzerland) SA, et al.*  
USDC/SDNY, Docket No. 14 Civ. 9287 (VEC)

*Bonny Gas Transport Limited v. O. W. Bunker Germany GmbH, et al.*  
USDC/SDNY, Docket No. 14 Civ. 9542 (VEC)

*MT Cape Bird Tankschiffahrts GmbH v. O.W. USA Inc., et al.*  
USDC/SDNY, Docket No. 14 Civ. 9646 (VEC)

*SHV Gas Supply & Risk Management SAS, et al, v. O.W. Bunker USA, Inc., et al.*  
USDC/SDNY, Docket No. 14 Civ. 9720 (VEC)

*Hapag-LloydAktiengesellschaft v. U.S. Oil TradingL.L.C., et al.*  
USDC/SDNY, Docket No. 14 Civ. 9949 (VEC)

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*NYK Bulk & Project Carriers Ltd. v. O.W. Bunker USA, Inc., et al.*  
USDC/SDNY, Docket No. 14 Civ. 10090 (VEC)

*Nippon Kaisha Line Ltd. v. O. W. Bunker USA, Inc., et al.*  
USDC/SDNY, Docket No. 14 Civ. 10091 (VEC)

*Hapag-Lloyd Aktiengesellschaft v. O.W. Bunker North America, Inc., et al.*  
USDC/SDNY, Docket No. 15 Civ. 0190 (VEC)

*APL Co. Pte Ltd, et al. v. O. W. Bunker Far East (Singapore) Pte. Ltd., et al.*  
USDC/SDNY, Docket No. 15 Civ. 0620 (VEC)  
Our file no.: 66487.00001

Dear Judge Caproni:

We are counsel for the Debtors (O.W. Bunker USA, Inc., and O.W. Bunker North America, Inc.) in the captioned matters, and submit this letter in opposition to the application by NuStar Energy Services ("NuStar") and U.S. Oil Trading LLC ("USOT") to file a joint "Reply Memorandum of Law".

This Court's Order of December 19, 2014, directed the "Plaintiffs" to file one brief, as all of the Plaintiffs were either Owners or Charterers of vessels and had a common interest. The Order did not direct Debtors to be joined in the brief with Plaintiffs. Debtors are named as "Defendants" in these interpleader actions. Debtors' interests for the most part are not aligned with Plaintiff, although both Plaintiff and Debtors have acknowledged the need for efficiency, economy and a uniform outcome of these claims.

NuStar and USOT argue that Debtors should have sought leave of the court before filing its brief. We see no such requirement under the Court's Order, nor the local rules. The response by the parties was to a specific question raised by the Court. There is no motion before the Court which promotes a Reply Memorandum of Law.

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Since the date of the Court's Order, Debtors have filed their appearance and Answer in those interpleaders for which service had been accomplished on Debtors by Plaintiffs. Debtors Memorandum of February 4, 2015, was filed only in those proceeding in which it had appeared. Certainly, Debtors should be permitted to respond to the Court's inquiry as a significant party in those proceedings.

Lastly, we believe it is tantamount to "sharp" practice for NuStar and USOT to have provided this court with its "Reply" Memorandum of Law as an attached exhibit to its Motion, before the Court renders a ruling on their application.

Respectfully submitted,

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